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AMENDMENTS AND REMARKS IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 10/15/2007

Dear Sir,

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated 10/15/2007 with respect to the above Patent Application and the continuing examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

I include with this transmittal a petition for extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and authorization for payment by credit card of the Small Entity Fee for a 5 month extension for the filing of a reply are included herewith.

I also include a form revoking all previous powers of attorney given in this application, and will handle all communications regarding this application personally.

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Amendment to the specification is set out on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.